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Starke police send lifesaving support to Ukraine

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — More than 5,000 bulletproof vests are headed to war-torn Ukraine, and Starke police had a hand in making that happen.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in thousands of civilian deaths, 4.8 million refugees fleeing the country and 7.1 million internally displaced, according to the United Nations.

The world has been inspired by Ukrainians who are fighting for their country and heartbroken by the millions who have been left in need.

Aid has poured into the country to provide relief, support and, in the case of this equipment, save lives.

Ukraine and Bradford County are a world apart but have something in common, and that is former resident Dwight Hewett, who grew up here and spent nearly a decade living in Ukraine. Today, he's the president and CEO of The Doran Jason Group, a commercial and industrial real estate brokerage firm in South Florida.

"I love the culture, the people," Hewett said of his nearly 30-year relationship with the country. "And I think we all love the fighting spirit. When you look at these news reports and you see they're not going to give up come hell or high water, it's inspiring."

Many have given funding to relief organizations, but Hewett wanted to do more. With around 150 Ukrainian staff members working for him in the security industry, he has received reports of citizens fighting with T-shirts and Reeboks as gear.

Ukraine Congress Committee of America, an



Dwight Hewett accepts gear from Police Chief Jeff Johnson and the Starke Police Department. Pictured with them (l-r) are City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, Assistant Chief Barry Warren, Capt. James Molina, Maj. John Riles and Lt. Michael Rooney.

organization Hewett represents, is shipping to the front lines the 5,000 ballistic vests donated by the Miami-Dade Police Department and additional equipment contributions from several municipalities.

Hewett was here June 10 to receive the vest and helmet donations from the Starke Police

Department and ship them to Miami. Each vest could represent a life saved, he said.

According to Police Chief Jeff Johnson, the vests have an expiration date for police officers. Because of the constant wear, vests must be replaced after five years for officer safety. In truth, there is still lifesaving protection in the

hand-me-downs, and were they not being sent to the Ukraine, the police department would have no choice but to destroy them.

Also, most of the replacement cost is covered by a recurring grant, Johnson said, so it doesn't represent a major cost to the city.

Hewett has been collecting vests, helmets, gas masks and other equipment, but the donations required catching departments between the time the equipment was decommissioned and then destroyed. Friend and former Key Biscayne Police Chief Charles Press helped him get started in Miami-Dade where they were lucky to find Director George Perez had a trailer full of vests they could donate.

"I'm just glad we could do something," Johnson said. He gave credit to Assistant Chief Barry Warren, Lt. Michael Rooney, Capt. James Molina and Maj. John Riles for putting everything together, and they said they would work with Hewett to reach out to other agencies in North Florida.

The donations will get to Ukraine via Poland. Once shipped there, the equipment will be taken by truck to the Ukrainian border where others will be ready to receive.

Hewett told Johnson the donations were headed for the national police and territorial defense teams in Ukraine and given that the support is coming from fellow police, it is a huge morale booster for those fighting.

Since 1940, Ukrainian Americans have supported Ukraine through Ukraine Congress Committee of America. Find out more about UCCA at UCCA.org.

No more school uniforms at BMS

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Uniforms for students at Bradford Middle School are a thing of the past.

Beginning in August BMS student dress policies will reflect those of the high school

Except for a pandemic-related moratorium during 2020-21 school year, uniforms have been a way of life for students at BMS since 2008-09. It was an attempt to enforce discipline and place focus on achievement, although the policy was never expanded to other campuses.

According to a 2010 study by Dr. Warren Hodge and Dr. La'Tara Osborne-Lampkin at the University of North Florida, the resulting impact on discipline and attendance was mixed at best.

The school board has never seen fit to repeal the policy until now.

On Monday night, Superintendent Will Hartley told the board that new BMS Principal Ben Hawkins would prefer uniforms not be required, and Hartley believes the administration should have a say in the policy. It was one of the first things he and Hawkins discussed, and looking at the discipline data, he said there are "bigger fish

to fry." Comparing the number of disciplinary referrals from the pandemic moratorium and the following year where uniforms were required, the difference was only seven referrals, according to the superintendent.

"It was (Hawkins') position that if the purpose of the uniform was to curb behavior, it hasn't happened. So, it was his feeling we should move forward without it," Hartley said.

Hartley also said it's important parents know now as they begin purchasing clothes for the upcoming school year.

School Board Member Candace Osteen cited the research and said she always felt it was odd to require uniforms at a single school.

Chairwoman Sheila Cummings said she reached out to Hawkins for feedback, and she supported his position based on the data. But she did emphasize that there will be a dress code and it will be followed from day one.

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Third grade reading scores down for many

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Local counties were among many in the state that saw third graders' English language test scores slip in the spring of 2022.

Florida Standards Assessment test scores for the class were released last week. These English scores help determine promotion to the fourth grade and who needs additional help before proceeding. The information offers a glimpse at the average scores for each school and district, as well as what percentage of students received a passing or failing grade. Level 3 represents average proficiency, with Level 5 meaning top achievement. Level 1 is the lowest achievement level.

For example, in Florida, 53% of third graders scored Level 3 or above, a one-point decline from 2021. One-quarter of all third graders scored Level 1.

In Bradford, 45% of third graders scored at Level 3 or higher. This was down six percentage points from last year and 14 points from 2019. (There was no test in 2020.) Bradford's percentage passing has not been this low since 2016.

Lawtey Elementary School, which is now

the district's smallest school, had the highest percentage of third graders passing in the district — 62%. This was still down 10% from last year.

Starke Elementary School improved from 39% to 46% earning Level 3 or 4. Twenty-six percent were at Level 1. Southside Elementary School was down six percentage points to 38%. Thirty percent were at Level 1.

Districtwide, Bradford only had 9% of third graders score Level 5.

Across the line in Union County, Lake Butler Elementary School third graders fell seven percentage points to 56%. Since 2019, the decline is 13 percentage points. The 2022 percentage was worse than 2015 and 2016.

McRae Elementary School in Clay County was an anomaly for the area, increasing the percentage of Level 3 achievement 11 percentage points to 63% in 2022. McRae even topped the Clay School District average of 61%.

Despite dropping from 67% to 59%, Keystone Heights Elementary School third graders maintain one of the area's highest achievement levels in English.

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From 4-9 p.m. on Sunday, July 3, at Bradford High's David Hulse Stadium, there will be an afternoon filled with food and fun. The event kicks off with a golf cart parade with a prize for most patriotic entry. Plus there will be water slides, cornhole and a car show. Food trucks will serve up a variety of good

eats throughout the day. The evening culminates in fireworks to celebrate the nation.

New Covenant pastor's anniversary

New Covenant Baptist Ministries will be celebrating Pastor Jeffrey T. and Sis. Daffany Jones' 6th anniversary on Sunday, June 26, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ellsworth McGuire, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Providence, Florida, and their congregation will be in charge of the service. Everyone is welcome. CDC guidelines will be observed.

Correction

In a letter to the editor on guns published last week, the writer intended to state the number of people incarcerated in U.S. is 2.3 million.

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A newly paved 1.6-mile section of the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail runs east from the Bobby Sheppard Ball Park south of Hampton to Southeast 36th Avenue. Photo: Friends of Gold Head State Park and the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail

State trail paved near Hampton

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

HAMPTON — Friends of Gold Head State Park and the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail said on social media that a 1.6-mile section of the trail has recently been paved. The segment begins at the Bobby Sheppard Ball Park on County Road 326 south of Hampton and runs east to Southeast 36th

Avenue. "Plans are underway to continue paving the trail from the ballpark to State Road 18 later this year and from Southeast 36th Avenue to 100 near Keystone Heights is to be completed in 2023," the organization said.

The Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail corridor stretches nearly 47 miles from west of U.S. 17 in Palatka to State Road 238 in Lake Butler, along the former

Norfolk-Southern Railroad right-of-way through Putnam, Clay, Bradford and Union counties.

The project is under construction and is being completed as funds become available. The longest section of paved trail is a 20-mile section between Palatka and Keystone Heights. Another 4-mile paved section runs from Lake Butler west toward Bradford County.

New school gets a name for now

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — What's in a name? Not much when it comes to the temporary name assigned to Bradford's new school.

Bradford School A is the placeholder that will be used for future advertisements and contracts.

The name originally included on the June 13 meeting agenda was Tornado Alley, a suggestion that school board members had to pull from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Superintendent Will Hartley explained nothing had been decided definitively. Tornado Alley was a generic name that could be replaced with something even more generic. What was important is that they plan to meet an upcoming deadline.

School Board Chairwoman Sheila Cummings said the naming of the school is a critical decision, and she wants to make sure when the time comes that the community plays a role in helping to make that decision.

"I would not want to this board to make the decision without getting some input from the community. I think it's just so important," she said.

School Board Member Erica Reddish said so many people are happy about the new school, but she was concerned about creating conflict by opening the decision to everyone.

"I don't want to offend somebody. You're going to have so many people who want this community school named after a special person in their family or a special place or a special road in town," she said.

She wants the school to feel like it belongs to the entire community, and the name should reflect that.

"I feel because this school is bringing a lot of communities together and there are different communities who will all attend the school and work with the school — it's a communitywide thing. I feel like a name something like Bradford Elementary or Bradford Middle — whatever grades we decide to put in it — I feel like Bradford as a whole, it encompasses our entire community," she said.

The board did not resolve the process for naming the school, but the temporary name was assigned as needed to further progress on the school, which is slated to open in fall 2023.

New names appearing as election qualifying nears the end

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Starke Commissioner Wilbur Waters has announced his retirement from office at the end of this term.

Waters is a former city and county commissioner who was reelected to the city commission in 2006. He has served Starke District 5 consecutively since that time. Waters said he has enjoyed his time in office, but coming up on 30 years, he feels it is time to step away.

Former commissioner Randy Crews has already quailed to run for the seat. With qualifying set to close at noon on Friday, there is still time to enter this or any of the city and county races — but not much.

As of press time, no one had filed to run in Starke District 3. District 1 incumbent Danny Nugent did have competition, however. Michael Heeder has filed to run.

The county commission race for District 2 now has three qualified candidates. Incumbent Kenny Thompson will face two

other Republicans, former Starke commissioner Larry Davis and contractor Mark Williams.

District 5 incumbent Danny Riddick has three challengers, Tom Germano, Christiann Hudson and Trish Tucker. All are running as Republicans. Another candidate, Michael Monaghan, withdrew from the race.

Bradford School Board incumbents from Districts 1 and 2, Sheila Cummings and Gayle Nicula remain unchallenged. The incumbent from District 5, Erica Reddish, is facing a race against Lynn Melvin.

For more on the upcoming elections, visit www.bradfordelections.com.

Meet the Candidates

Davis running for county commission

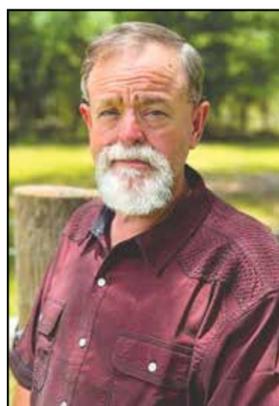
The following is a paid announcement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. Announcements may be sent to editor@bctelegraph.com. The deadline for all submissions is June 27 at 5 p.m.

To the Voting Citizens of Bradford County,

Hello, my name is Larry Davis and I would like to take this time to publicly announce my candidacy as your Republican candidate for Bradford County commissioner, District 2.

I was born in Hazelhurst, Georgia, and moved to Bradford County as a young child, where I have remained a lifelong resident with my devoted wife of 32 years, Marcia Davis. We have one daughter, Elizabeth (Levi) Lee, and two grand-children, Emersyn and Maverick Lee.

As a young adult, I began working for the Bradford County Road Department, where I was



Larry Davis

employed for over 10 years prior to beginning my own business. As a small business owner of 18 years, and a former city commissioner of Starke, I understand the true value and importance of financial sustainability, operational excellence and economic growth.

The Board of County Commissioners mission statement is to "protect the health, safety and welfare of and

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This announcement was paid by Larry Davis, Republican, for County Commissioner

SCORES

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In Putnam County, only 34% of third graders scored Level 3 or above. Thirty-nine percent of them were at Level 1. This was not the case for Melrose Elementary School, however. While slipping a little, 54% achieved Level 3 or higher.

Statewide, average proficiency was 53%. Lawtey, Lake Butler, Keystone and McRae all surpassed that percentage.

Lawtey, Lake Butler, Keystone, McRae and Melrose also topped the state's average test score of 299 points.

Looking at rankings, Baker County was second in the state, right behind St. Johns. Clay County was sixth, Union tied with several counties for 10th, Bradford tied for 23rd, and Putnam was 29th. Jefferson County was last in the state with only 19% of third graders earning proficient scores.

Scores for tests in other grades will also be released.

students will take the Florida Standards Assessment English and mathematics test in this format.

With the goal of reducing the amount of time students are tested and eliminating some traditional standardized testing, the FSA will be replaced with a progress monitoring system next year.

The computerized testing system will be administered three times a year to chart language and math progress. The first two administrations will reveal student weaknesses to teachers and parents, giving them an opportunity

for targeted improvement. The final administration will be summative, demonstrating yearlong learning in time for summer school enrollment, if needed.

School districts will be held harmless for student performance during the first year. After that, the pressure to demonstrate continuous improvement will be back.

The FSA science assessment for fifth and eighth grade will remain, as will the end-of-course exams for algebra, geometry, biology, U.S. history and civics.

FSA gone, what's next

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Lake Region

Clay Electric talks storm restoration

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Pat Mundorf of Clay Electric spoke to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on Wednesday, June 8 about the process the co-op goes through when restoring power after a storm.

Mundorf said that preparations for an incoming storm begin more than a week before landfall.

"The National Weather Center has pretty good predictions about when a storm's going to hit," he said, "so we usually have a week to a 10-day window where we can start preparing things before the storm hits."

He added that during a storm recovery, he is in charge of lodging and food for visiting linemen.

Mundorf said that the first year he had the responsibility, Hurricane Irma made its way up the Florida peninsula and he had to scramble to get lodging for incoming linemen.

"They told me a week ahead of time: 'Okay start getting rooms.' I was calling around getting rooms, and Florida Power and Light had every motel room in northeast Florida booked," he recalled.

Mundorf said he has since learned a few tricks and techniques to secure rooms in advance, and he relies on area camps, like the Salvation Army Camp on Lake Bedford for housing.

He said line crews are out



Clay Electric's Pat Mundorf talks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about storm restoration.

restoring power as a storm approaches, because winds from an incoming storm can down trees and lines. Mundorf added that crews can work until winds reach 45 miles per hour.

"We determine at that point it's unsafe for our people to be out," he said, "so we'll send everybody home. Once the storm clears, then everybody reports to the office."

Priorities and complaints

Mundorf said the first step in restoring power is performing an assessment: finding out where the problems are.

After that, the co-op focuses on its main, three-phase lines, then addresses critical infrastructure such as hospitals and grocery

stores.

Mundorf said the assessment alone could take more than a day, and during those times, members get frustrated when they see the co-op's trucks in their area, but do not see their power restored.

After restoring critical infrastructure, Clay Electric then prioritizes circuits with the most users.

"For instance, where I'm at there are only two of us on that piece of line," he said. "If they've got another line, say in Hawthorne that might have 1,200 people out, they're going to send the crews down to get those 1,200 people on before they send somebody out to get the two people on my line. It just makes sense."

Mundorf said that after Irma, 98% of the co-op's members were without power, and that created a logjam at the utility's call center.

"A lot of people were frustrated, calling us that couldn't get through on the phone lines," he said. "You have 175,000 people without power. We've got about 200 phone

lines coming to our call center with 30 people answering phones, so it was a nightmare."

Mundorf said another source of complaints after Irma was the co-op's practice of leaving broken poles, bad transformers and other items at the sight of the repairs, then coming back later for cleanup.

"When we're out there doing the work, if we've got 10 poles broke, there's no way we're going to be able to take those 10 poles, load them up and haul them back to the office," he said. "It just inhibits our restoration time."

More information

Mundorf said that after a storm, if any member has not gotten power back after four days, he should check with the co-op. He added that sometimes, a line could be restored, but one member on that line could still be without power due to a bad transformer.

More information about the co-op's storm restoration process, in addition to a hurricane preparedness guide, an information sheet on the safe operation of portable generators and a hurricane supply checklist may be found on the co-op's storm center at ClayElectric.com.

Free summer meals offered

Free breakfast and lunch is offered to anyone 18 years or younger from June 6 through July 28, except for July 4.

Breakfast is served between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and lunch is available between noon and 1 p.m. at Keystone Heights Elementary and McRae Elementary.



Legacy Home Health Care has purchased the former home of Watson Realty in Keystone Heights.

Legacy Home Health Care buys Watson Realty building

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Legacy Home Health Care has purchased the former home of Watson Realty on State Road 21 north of Keystone Heights.

The transaction closed on May 31 with the assistance of Hatch Realty Service's Matt Merritt.

Owners Chris and Betsy Murphy started the home health service in honor of Chris's father, who was a highly decorated U.S. Marine and had a vision of starting a home health agency for seniors.

However, he died in 2013 of cancer.

Legacy will be moving its Lake Region operations from 445 South Lawrence Boulevard. The business also has an office in Starke and recently expanded into the Ocala area.



(L-R) Matt Merritt of Hatch Realty Services, Betsy Murphy and Chris Murphy at the new home of Legacy Home Health Care.

Keystone delays decision on Country Meadows development

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council on June 6 delayed its vote on a 14-acre proposed development at the intersection of Paradise Point Drive and Sunrise Boulevard.

The council was scheduled to vote on the Country Meadows planned urban development application and tree variance request during the June 6 meeting. However, it delayed the votes to June 20 because the city engineer was not present for the Monday night discussion.

The developer is proposing to leave 801 trees on the property which is 287 trees short of what the city's tree ordinance requires. The developer is also proposing to make a \$10,000 contribution to Keystone Heights's street scape fund to mitigate the shortage.

Representatives for the developer argued that their tree proposal results in tree density for the project that goes beyond that in neighboring Sunrise Park and that of two other recent city developments: Taco Bell and

Dunkin.

In other news from the June 6 Keystone Heights City Council meeting:

Rising fuel costs slow airport traffic

Airport chair David Kirkland told the city council that activity at the facility during May decreased due to rising fuel costs.

"Our AV gas 100 low lead is six dollars a gallon and climbing faster than jet fuel," he said. "Just like we're seeing in our auto fuel as well."

Kirkland added that his board will be awarding a million-dollar contract to rehabilitate taxiway lanes. The project is funded by the FAA, Florida Department of Transportation and Space Port Florida.

Council approves plan for cemetery

The plan for the city-owned cemetery calls for a geographical, computer inventory of all graves,

the addition of split-rail fencing, dividing the cemetery into areas named after plants, upgrades to signage and wayfinding and improvements to a sandy road on the facility's western border, at the Bradford County line.

During a May 12 workshop, landscape architect Elizabeth Manley recommended improvements to the cemetery's event circle which features the veteran's memorial pathway. She recommended plants for the circle that are in bloom during Veteran's Day, which is the time of a major event held at the cemetery.

Chad Rischer of the city's engineering firm DRMP told council members during the workshop that some of the recommendations are the result of him watching attendees at cemetery events. "There are some wayfinding issues out there because it is not intuitive as to what to do once you turn in," he said, "especially if you've never been to that place before."

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Bike shop owners on a mission

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The owner of a Melrose bicycle shop told the Starke Rotary Club that he is on a mission to make sure every Lake Region child that wants a bike has one.

"If you come into my shop, and you've got a kid who wants a bike, I will give them one free," Pete Slaymaker told the club, "and it's not just a piece of junk. It's not going to have rust on it. We've refurbished that bike all the way from the ground up and it's a good bike."

Slaymaker said his Bikes-4-Kids program furnishes two-wheelers to children regardless of income, whether someone drives up to his shop in an AMG Mercedes or a beat-up pickup.

He does, however, draw the line at children when they reach driving age.

"At that point, you need to have a job," he said. "You can go out and you can buy a BMX. I'm a firm believer that if you want something at that age, go work for it, but the kids, that's a whole different story."

Slaymaker said he and his wife Anne use the profits from their bike shop to fund the outreach.

"We're a top-quality bicycle shop as well," he said. "I am a retired engineer. My job when I was in industry was to set up assembly lines to build products. So, I kind of got a good handle on how to put things together. I've been doing it my whole life."

Lake Area Bike is located on County Road 21B, across the street from Santa Fe Lake.

Slaymaker explained he and Anne's neighborhood-focused shop also does repairs at a fair price, with a focus on the community.

"We believe that running a business simply for the sake of



Pete Slaymaker, owner of Lake Area Bike, explains his Bikes-4-Kids program to the Starke Rotary Club.

He added that the supply of used bikes in the Keystone Heights area is drying up, so he is looking for more people willing to contribute to the mission.

Slaymaker added that church groups like Immanuel Anglican Church and the St. Matthew Catholic Church Knights of Columbus have been a big help.

Also assisting with the average of the \$50 that it takes to refurbish a bike is the Bradford County Health Department, which provides the outreach with a brochure and new bike helmets. Keystone's Carquest supplies lubricants and solvents like WD-40, and Nick's Scrap Removal hauls away bike parts that the outreach cannot use.

Slaymaker said the restoration process starts with the frame, and then the bike is completely reassembled.

Much of the time, the restoration requires new tires and a seat, a chain and grips.

"I've probably spent several thousand dollars just on bicycle tires this year alone," he said.

Good from a loss

Pete and Anne started the outreach in memory of their son, Zach who died in May 2020.

"His loss affected so many people," the bike shop owner said.

"But from his loss we have created the Lake Area Bike-4-Kids, and so from the loss, we've developed something good."

The retired engineer added that he and Anne consider every child they give a bike to as an adopted grandchild.

"Our son's gone," he said. "We will never have any grandchildren, so we decided to adopt all the kids in the area, so we get a little bit of a taste of being that grandparent."

accumulating wealth, just for making money is not a healthy way to run a business in a small town," he said. "We're not saying that profit is an ugly, four-letter word. A profit is necessary to be able to make it go, okay? But we're not trying to make enough money to afford that new electric Mercedes-Benz or build an empire here."

Looking for bikes

Slaymaker said the shop's Bike-4-Kids community outreach has given away 101 bikes since December 2020.

Garbage trucks pay nearly \$100K

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A manager for Clay County's waste hauler said his company is now paying new hires wages that approach \$100,000 a year.

Marcel Dalby, area general manager for Waste Management, told Clay County commissioners his company increased wages by 21% in the spring of 2021, by 15.5% in February of 2022 and by an additional 20% in April.

"Our current starting rate for a new hire is \$24 an hour," he said. "At a 65-hour work week, that's \$97,000 a year."

Dalby said that in spite of raising starting pay from \$16 an hour last year to \$24 now,

the company is still struggling with retaining workers. He said that since August of 2021 Waste Management has hired 21 workers for Clay County and has lost 17.

"It is difficult out there on the trucks," Dalby told commissioners. "As we head into the summer season, we do struggle with heat exhaustion. It's tough and physical work that they do every day."

Dalby updated commissioners on his company's labor status as part of his presentation on how the county should proceed with recycling.

Last year commissioners suspended curbside recycling to allocate more workers to yard waste pickup.

During their May 24 meeting, commissioners delayed the decision on whether to bring back curbside pickup for recycling or not.

Commissioner Betsy Condon said the company is not yet consistent with regular garbage pickups.

She said that after one commission workshop, she arrived home late to find that none of the garbage on her street had been picked up. She added it was picked up a day late.

"I still have residents who are not getting consistent household garbage pickup," she said. "I know y'all are still having to train these people. They still don't understand the routes."

with the numbers, she said.

With this decision, middle schoolers will no longer be restricted to solid-colored polo shirts and slacks, shorts or skirts. Jeans and T-shirts are now OK. Dress shirts, too. Straps on sleeveless shirts must be at least two inches wide. Tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops and the like are prohibited. Any sheer garment must have a garment that meets dress code underneath.

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Clay elections office wins award

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS— The U.S. Election Assistance Commission awarded its Clearinghouse Award to the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office for the department's Election Expo held earlier this year.

During the office's February Election Expo event, around 150 people learned about voter registration, vote-by-mail, how voting machines are tested and other election procedures.

While talking about vote-by-mail ballots during the February expo, Chambless highlighted the signature recognition classes his staff takes to learn how to validate signatures on vote-by-mail ballots.

"There is a science to recognizing the start, the end lean, the trail, how signatures are done," he said. "We employ that method to forensically note the similarities, and then again, we have multiple staff members that are doing it with vote-by-mail (to) maintain the privacy and security of the process."

The supervisor also emphasized that election results from outlying precincts are transmitted to the elections office



Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless explains the back-office operations of an election to attendees of an Election Expo on Feb. 9.

commission. In other news from the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office:

Pennsylvania error unlikely in Florida

Chambless said a printing error that delayed the counting of around 14,000 mail-in ballots in Pennsylvania during May is unlikely to happen in Florida.

In a news release, the Clay elections chief did not identify the jurisdiction in which the error occurred, but Lancaster County News in Pennsylvania reported that county commissioners in that jurisdiction announced the problem and said it would take a few days to correct and scan the ballots.

Chambless wrote that one of the biggest differences in how mail-in ballots are handled in Florida as opposed to Pennsylvania, is that Florida Law allows ballots to be processed before Election Day, whereas Pennsylvania law does not.

"Any anomalies or errors can be identified far in advance of Election Day and gives us plenty of time to make corrections and alert voters of any problems," he wrote.

over a closed network operated by Verizon that is not connected to the internet.

"This is a network that does not touch the internet, doesn't utilize the internet," he said.

The "Clearie" Awards, are presented annually across the U.S. for best practices in election administration by the

Keystone's Freedom 5K will be held July 2

For the third year, the Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund will present the Freedom 5K run in Keystone Heights on Saturday, July 2, at 8 a.m. The run will start and finish at City Hall, located at 555 Lawrence Blvd.

Registration can be done in person at Firepower Coffee and Genesis Fitness in Keystone Heights or online at runsignup.com. Click on "Find a Race" and enter "Freedom 5K" and the 32656 zip code for a link.

The cost to enter is \$40 through July 1. Race-day registration, held on site, costs \$45.

Participants will receive finisher medals and performance

shirts.

The race is provided with the support of the city of Keystone, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Fire Department and Florida Department of Transportation.

This year's platinum sponsor is Lake Area McDonald's, while the gold sponsors are Firepower Coffee, Genesis Fitness, Clay Electric, Santa Fe Title and Keystone RV Resort. Silver sponsors are Johnny's Bar-B-Q, Keystone Plumbing, Cody West Construction, Hatch Realty Services, Fryer's Chicken, Cedar River Seafood of Keystone, Lee's Discount Beverages, American Gutter Inc., Brighter Day, Capital

City Bank and Kelly Education.

The Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3), all-volunteer, non-profit organization, which was formed to honor the memory of Jordan Cooper, who died in 2017 at the age of 25. The organization primarily supports local students with scholarships, including graduating high school seniors from Keystone Heights High School, where Cooper was an alumnus. In addition, it also advocates and promotes anti-bullying education for all students in Keystone Heights and Clay County schools. Please visit jordancooperscholarship.org for more information.

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School Board Member Erica Reddish said she has been a proponent of uniforms and believes it makes life easier to have kids that age in uniform. Past administrators have supported them as well. However, the new principal feels differently, and you cannot argue

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UNION COUNTY

Independence Day plans in place for Union County

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The weather is hot and summer is almost (officially) here and that means the annual Lake Butler Rotary Club's Independence Day Celebration is just around the corner, offering fun and entertainment on a day celebrating our Nation's freedom.

The celebration is set for Saturday, July 2 at the Lakeside Park in Lake Butler.

If you want to enter the annual fishing contest you had better be up early, as registration is set for 4 a.m. for the Tommy Spires Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament, hosted by the Lake Butler Rotary Club. Boats will launch

at daylight and weigh-out is set for 10 a.m. Registration is on-site prior to the beginning of the tournament and the fee is \$50 per fisherman. Prizes include: First Place – Largest Bass (Lbs.) - \$1,000; Second Place – Second Largest Bass (Lbs.) - \$500 and Third Place – Largest Trash Fish or Others - \$250. A number of items, such as a cooler, tackle, gift certificates and more, will be raffled at weigh-in.

The popular foot races will be held early, before it gets as hot as it is promised to be. Competitors in both races may register to compete prior to the event on site. The Fun Run will begin at 7 a.m., followed by the 5K at 8 a.m. Also starting early will be the

Lake Butler Rotary Club 4th of July Car Show, that begins at 9 a.m. (and will run through 1 p.m.). Registration is on site prior to the show. Prizes will be awarded based on popular vote and will include: First, Second and Third Places in the Best of Show Category, with additional awards for the Best Antique, the Best Muscle Car and the Best Truck. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle.

Vendors of all types must pre-register, with their fees postmarked no later than June 21, 2022. Applications and vendor information may be found online at lakebutlerrotary4372@gmail.com to the attention of Jody Read and may be mailed to Lake Butler Rotary, attn. Jody

Read, P.O. Box 767 Lake Butler, FL 32054. Fees vary with the type of vendor and size of area needed for set-up.

Vendors will be allowed to start setting up at 5 a.m. and will be on hand until after the fireworks. Vendors will include food trucks, food booths, local arts and crafts vendors and other types of retail booths. There will also be a number of booths manned by event sponsors, non-profit organizations and a Craft Fair at the Hal Y. Maines Community Center. There will also be a bandstand with live entertainment set up at the big pavilion in front of the community center. Union County Emergency Medical Services will be on hand in

case someone needs aid and the Union County Sheriff's Office will have deputies on site to ensure everyone's safety.

In addition to all of the other fun, the entries in the Lake Butler Mayor's Art Award competition and the judging of the entries will be held at the mayors tent. Although the competition rules call for the artist's entry forms be turned in to Lake Butler City Hall no later than July 17, the artists will bring their work to the tent on the day of the show. The entry fee is \$5, with the winner taking home \$500, the second place entry winning \$200 and third place winning \$100.

Entrants should be aware

that the first place entry will become the property of the City of Lake Butler and will be displayed at city hall. The show will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the judging taking place at 10:30 a.m.

Of course there will be fireworks to conclude the day. The show will start at twilight and will be put on by the same sky painters that did the show for the Union County Anniversary Celebration. After the fireworks everyone will be tearing down their booths and tables and getting ready to head home. It promises to be a fun day for all ages and, as always, one of the key events in the Union County calendar.

Smart Driver Safety Class

Bradford County Senior Center will host a Smart Driver Safety Class for senior citizens 55 and older on Thursday, June 23, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers.

A certificate of completion from this driving skills refresher course can help save money on automobile insurance. You will learn defensive driving techniques to reduce crashes,

increase your confidence and independence, and understand and plan for the effects of aging on driving.

Register by calling 352-333-3036. The Bradford Senior Center is located at 1805 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

Lake Butler election canceled

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — City residents who have been making plans to vote for their choice of candidate at the Lake Butler city election, originally scheduled for June 28, will have to find something else to do that day as the election has been canceled for lack of need.

Three seats on the Lake Butler City Commission were up for election or retention, but a lack of challengers to two city commissioners and a single candidate for the open seat has made the election unnecessary.

City Commissioner Jimmy Beasley, currently filling

Seat Four on the commission stated his intention to resign a couple of months ago, leaving the seat open at the end of his term. In addition to this, incumbents in seats five and three were coming to the end of their terms as well, although both of them stated their intent to run for reelection.

Annette Redman (Seat 3) and Fred Sirmones (Seat 5) ended up running unopposed for retention, so neither of these seats would appear on the ballot. Only one candidate stated her intent to run for Seat Four and completed the qualifying requirements, once again making an election unnecessary as there was no

choice of multiple candidates for voters to select from (when only one candidate runs, they automatically take the seat as there is no competition). The end result of all this is the fact that there is no need for an election.

Melissa Hendrix was the only candidate to run for Seat Four, completing all of the required actions, including qualifying. As such, she will be sworn in to her new position on June 21 at a scheduled commission meeting. Redman and Sirmones will also take their oath of office to begin their new terms and will continue in their seats and the city will save the cost of holding an election.



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Bradford, Union 4-H cooperate for summer camps

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

Union County 4-H is working with Bradford County 4-H to put on a variety of summer day camps for members. Some of the events will take place at the UF-IFAS Extension Center in Lake Butler, while others will be held at the UF-IFAS Extension Office in Starke. All of the planned activities have limited space and require pre-registration, with information available online at <https://sites.google.com/ufl.edu/bradford-union-summer-camps/home>. Questions may be directed to the Bradford County Extension Office at (904) 966-6224.

Although the camps have already begun (by press time) there are still plenty of activities available for area youth.

On June 22, Camp Cake will be held at the Bradford Office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The camp is for ages 8-18, with a fee of \$30.

June 27-30 will see the Shark Tank Entrepreneur Camp, which will be held at both offices. Times are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and the camp is for ages 11-13. The fee is \$50.

Also held at both centers will be Ag Adventures Camp, on July 7, 2022 for youth ages 11-18. The camp will take place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a fee of \$25.

The Union County office will

host the July 12 Blacksmithing Camp from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for ages 11-18. The fee will be \$50.

The Cloverbuddies Camp will be held at the Bradford Office on July 20, 2022 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is open to youth ages 5-7. The fee is \$20.

The final camp of the summer will be held at the Union County Office and will be Paddle the River, for ages 11-18. The times are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and the fee is \$20.

The camps are open to all kids of appropriate ages. Remember to register early to avoid missing out on a camp that has filled up early!

Lake Butler striving for economic growth in difficult times

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The City of Lake Butler is still working to bring in new business and revitalize the current commercial areas in an ongoing effort to increase economic development in the city.

For the past three years, the city has contracted with the company Retail Strategies in hopes of locating businesses that are looking for a place to call home or that are interested in expanding their number of locations. Although this company has shown an excellent track record in their work for other municipalities (such as Lake City) they have located only a few prospects for the city and have yet to come up with any willing to commit to locating here.

The city's current three year contract with Retail Strategies is ending in September 2022 and both the Lake Butler Board of Commissioners and City Manager Dale Walker have given them notice that they want proof of what they have been doing on Lake Butler's behalf for the term of the contract.

According to Walker, the company is still working on several possible projects for bringing new business to the city but, so far, they have produced no new business.

"It takes a while to develop and create economic strategies and interest in a small community," Walker said. "We have looked at a number of possibilities located by Retail Strategies but, so far, none have been willing to take the chance here."

Walker said a number of business have expressed some level of interest in locating in the city, many of which he has

spoken with personally, but many are national or regional chains that are willing to put in the infrastructure but are not willing to run the businesses as corporate stores. These corporations want to have franchisees operating the businesses and such people are hard to find.

Most recently, a large national chain of auto parts stores has looked at the city and is still trying to find a suitable location. Dunkin Donuts showed some interest in locating a store in the city, but this involved an extension of a Jacksonville franchise that wanted to put in a combination donut shop/gas station. There is currently no progress on this front, possibly because of waning interest on the part of the Jacksonville franchise holder. Also willing to locate in the city only if a franchisee can be found for the operation is a national coffee chain.

Walker said the current economic climate in the nation and the demographics of the city are both factors inhibiting many businesses from locating in Lake Butler.

"In the past few years we have had the pandemic, growing inflation and increasing fuel costs all facing businesses," Walker said. "Our traffic counts are increasing at a rate of about 10% per year but are still rather low. The city has no hotel or motel, something many businesses look for when choosing a location. Lake Butler is a tough sell when trying to bring in a new business. We have low numbers in population, both in the city itself and the surrounding county and municipalities. All of these things work against us in attracting new business. We

are continuing with trying to revitalize our downtown area and have hopes that this will make the city more attractive to new business."

Walker said he has talked to numerous prospects himself, referred to him by Retail Strategies, and most are reticent to locate here without sharing the risk with a franchise holder. He said he would believe it when he saw a business coming to Lake Butler in this economic climate.

"You never know for sure until construction starts on one of these businesses," Walker said. "We cannot rely on any of them until they actually locate here."

The city is continuing to improve the infrastructure through the planned construction of new wastewater treatment plant and downtown redevelopment, but at present just has to wait and see if these measure will attract new business. Walker said he is working on bringing dry cleaning services to the city — a possible plus for businesses that require specific dress from their employees. Also in the works is the conversion of the old wastewater spray field into an industrial park.

The Board of City Commissioners will soon be discussing whether or not to renew its contract with Retail Strategies and the fact that the company, so far, has produced not a single new business in the current contract period will be a great part of that discussion. At a cost of about \$30,000 per year to the city, it is a matter of concern as to whether or not to continue a relationship which offers little or no return on the city's investment.

23 adults graduate high school

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — On May 23, 23 of the total of 29 graduates of the Union County Adult High School made the trip across the stage to receive their high school diplomas from Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger, Coordinator of Adult Education Eugene Dukes and guest speaker Congresswoman Kat Cammack (3rd Congressional District of Florida).

The ceremony was much like a routine high school graduation, with graduates walking the aisle down to their seats in the Union County High School auditorium, wearing traditional caps and gowns. All were welcomed by Dukes and Ripplinger.

Mention was made of the members of the Union County School Board, with Allen Parrish and Becky Raulerson representing that body on the stage, and the faculty of the Adult High School: Lee Clarke, Maria Kish, Melisa McLeod, Chris Mecusker, Lori Howard, Mark Harrison, Curtis Mesnard and Elise Worthington. Also recognized was the recent inductees into Florida Hall of Fame in Adult Education, including Dukes and several of the faculty of the Adult High School.

Guest Speaker Kat Cammack took the podium to deliver and address that was both congratulatory and personal. She



Congresswoman Kat Cammack was the guest speaker at the Union County Adult School Graduation.

graduates how proud he was that they had taken the initiative and earning their diplomas. He concluded his remarks with the classic permission that, "you may now turn your tassels."

A reception was held for the graduates and their families in the cafeteria after the ceremony, with refreshments served.

Union County residents who earned their high school diplomas in 2022 were:

- Ashley Barnes
- Johnny Benefield
- Justin Brown
- Malachi Davis
- Hayden Erwin
- Carol Freeman
- Patrick Graham
- Adrian Henderson
- Trinity Hines
- Amy Hunter
- Kasen Junior
- Andrew Lewis
- Liberty Nice
- Camriell Nichols
- Gavin Padgett
- Bailey Parrish
- Alexa Patton-Vega
- Kayla Pellechio
- Christian Raish
- Collin Reddish
- Joseph Sandridge
- Falina Sefcik
- Nicholas Stitt
- Tyler Thomas
- Tysen Van Sise
- Starla Vaughn
- Travis Warren
- Jonathan Watson
- Daren Zamuda

shared many details of her life, including some very hard times, with both detail and humor. She shared the fact that she was the first person in her family to go to, and graduate from college.

"Success is based on doing the inconvenient thing," Cammack told the graduates and the approx. 400 family members and well-wishers assembled to celebrate them. "The time and work you have put in, seeing the need for what you are doing but trying to make room for it in your life, is the inconvenient thing and this is what you have done by earning your diplomas. I congratulate you all on your achievement."

After the presentation of diplomas, Ripplinger gave the closing remarks, telling the

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, June 28, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. The inventory is subject to

change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Upcoming food distributions

Two communitywide food distributions hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place next week: the

first on Tuesday, June 21, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds, and the second on Thursday, June 23, at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. The inventory is subject to change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

June 4 through June 10

The following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights-area) counties. All defendants are considered innocent until convicted in a court or until pleading guilty or no contest. Information in this report is from law enforcement agencies and court documents, which are public records.

Bradford

Antonika Lashelle Baker, 24, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 8 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ailee Marie Bly, 20, of Worthington Springs was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 10 for possession of drug equipment and possession of drugs.

David Byon Brauchle, 34, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on June 6 for disorderly intoxication.

Cayla Nichole Carter, 31, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 8 for an out-of-county warrant.

Stanley Milton Courson, 63, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 4 for driving a vehicle without registration and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Roosevelt Covington, 61, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 10 for selling cocaine, possession of cocaine and using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

DUI in McDonald's drive-through

Tonda Renee Crews, 54, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on June 4 for DUI.

According to an arrest report, while in the drive through at McDonald's the defendant rear-ended another vehicle while the driver was waiting to get her food from the restaurant.

Crews told arresting officer Jason Green that she was unaware she hit the vehicle ahead of her until notified by another party.

Green wrote that because of the defendant's slurred speech and the smell of alcohol, he asked Crews to submit to field sobriety exercises. After the tests, he arrested her.

Robert Keith Davidson, 53, of Middleborough, Massachusetts was arrested by Lawtey police on June 6 for an out-of-county warrant.

Crystal Dawn Finklea, 40, of Pensacola was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 4 for possession of drugs and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Abram Griffis, 48, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 7 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of a weapon by a felon or delinquent, possession of marijuana, trafficking amphetamine, trafficking drugs, possession of drug equipment, delivering or distributing drugs and use of a two-way communications device

to facilitate a felony.

James Michael Harper, 40, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 7 for a probation violation and contempt of court.

Charges dropped same day of arrest

Jamalcolm Earl Isler, 27, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 7 for assault.

According to an arrest report, the defendant used a tire iron to bust a car window after one of the car's occupants: Lakwanzaa Griffin tried to cut his tires and run over him with the vehicle. Lakwanzaa and two other occupants of the car went to an area hospital due to injuries received from the shattering glass.

Isler was booked into the county jail at 2:57 a.m. Later that morning, Assistant State Attorney Lua Lepianka filed a case action report, dropping all charges against the defendant.

Angry cyclist arrested after flat tires

Kevin Trevon Jenkins, 24, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 5 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant confronted a Hampton boy over glass that had been littered around a residence, and during the argument, body slammed the child to the ground.

"Kevin states that he regularly commutes on his bicycle around the residence and was subjected to getting flat tires because of the littered glass," wrote arresting officer Jacob Desue in the report. "When confronted, (the victim) allegedly became irate with Kevin to include yelling and profanity. Kevin admitted to grabbing (the victim) by picking him up and dropping him to the floor. Kevin claims his actions were in self-defense." The victim was transported to an emergency department for his injuries.

Tried to sell stolen chainsaw

Joshua Wayne Johns 43, of Starke was arrested on June 9 for the Feb. 2 offense of dealing in stolen property.

According to an arrest report, Johns attempted to sell a chainsaw that was earlier stolen from the River Bend Estates neighborhood.

First arrested for the incident on Feb. 22, Johns failed to appear for court on June 9.

Joseph Lawrence Kordecki, 46, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Sean Jason Martinez, 37, of Portersville, Georgia was arrested by Starke police on June 10 for resisting an officer.

Eric G. Mortimer, 44, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 7 for possession of drugs, selling synthetic narcotics, possession of drug equipment and using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Matthew Wayne Odom, 35, of Palatka was arrested by Starke police on June 7 for an out-of-county warrant.

Benjamin Eugene Padgett, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 5 for a probation violation.

Shotgun pulled over parking dispute

Joshua Dean Padgett, 29, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 4 for aggravated assault.

According to an arrest report, the defendant pulled into a Loop Road Hampton residence and engaged in an argument with a neighbor about the defendant parking his truck in the road.

During the argument, the defendant leveled a shotgun at the victim. A witness recorded part of the encounter on a cell phone. The victim was holding a machete during the incident. He told deputies he was using the blade for yard work when the defendant drove up.

Georgia Montez Reddish, 39, of Starke was arrested by State troopers on June 5 for DUI.

Lowe Jason Roberts, 47, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on June 8 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Katie Marie Sherwood, 38, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 10 for a probation violation.

Michael Glenn Starks, 40, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 8 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Dillon Andrew Wilkerson, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 4 for an out-of-county warrant.

Union

Megaeto Andrews, 48, was arrested by Union deputies on June 10 for aggravated battery by a person detained in a correctional facility.

Thomas Jerrel Drawdy Jr., 51, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 6 for an out-of-county warrant and a probation violation.

Mallory Brianna Tetstone, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 8 for child neglect.

Clay

Michael Dan Andrews, 48, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 8 for fleeing and eluding and a probation violation.

Christopher Richard Ballou, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 8 for possession of drug paraphernalia and loitering and prowling.

Matthew A. Berry, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 10 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Tamara Maranda Fulton-Dolan, 43, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 5 for driving a vehicle without registration.

Ciro Garcia Ruiz, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 9 for aggravated battery.

Geshyla Faye Street, 19, of Starke was arrested by Clay deputies on June 4 for assault and battery.

Brian Scot Tymoniewicz, 46, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on June 5 for DUI with property damage or injuries.

Dump truck driver finds child on road

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Union Deputies arrested Mallory Brianna Tetstone, 33, of Lake Butler on June 8 for child neglect after a dump truck driver found her daughter alone near State Road 121 north of Worthington Springs.

Arresting officer Shelby Ellis wrote in an arrest report that the driver pulled over because he did not see an adult near the child, then took the youngster to the owner of a nearby RV park because the driver knew the owner of the park.

Ellis added that when she arrived on scene at the RV park north of the town, the child was "barefoot, dirty, (had) nappy hair and was wearing only a t-shirt and a pull up and had a blanket wrapped around her."

"I asked (the child) how she got to the RV Park and she said, 'Mommy dropped me off,'"



Tetstone, from a 2010 Bradford County Jail mugshot

wrote Ellis in the report. "I asked (the child) if (her) mother said anything when she dropped her off and she said: 'She said she would be back.'"

The deputy added that while she had the child in the parking

lot of Sardis Baptist Church, several of the mother's family members arrived to help find the mother and to care for the child.

Ellis added that after passing the church twice, Tetstone pulled into the parking lot.

"Mallory pulled into the parking lot and rolled down her window and in a nonchalant manner asked, 'Has anyone seen (the child)?"' Ellis wrote in the arrest report. "I asked her if she knew where (the child) was and she said no, I've been sleeping. When I explained to her that her child was safe and that I picked her up off the side of 121 she did not seem at all relieved like any loving mother should have. Mallory made several spontaneous utterances that she didn't do anything and that (another individual) was supposed to be watching (the child)."

Man robs Brooker store, steals car

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

BROOKER — The Bradford County Sheriff's office said on June 2, around 10 a.m., Larry Shannon Dupree entered the Dollar General and stole between \$100 and \$200 from the store's cash register.

"Dupree took the attendant against her will, forcing her to lead him to her vehicle which he then stole and fled the area. The attendant was left



Dupree

unharmd," the office said in a social media post.

Alachua deputies said Dupree is the suspect in an unrelated carjacking attempt in Alachua County the previous day.

Deputies traced the vehicle to Wakulla County near Tallahassee, where they interviewed the defendant. He was arrested after the interview.

Sex offender sentenced to 30 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Larry Graham Jr. was convicted by a Bradford County Jury in May of lewd and lascivious molestation on a person under 12 years of age by a person 18 or older, lewd and lascivious molestation on a

person 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age by a person 18 or older and showing obscene material to a minor.

On June 8 Circuit Judge James M. Colaw sentenced Graham to 30 years in prison for the offenses.

During the investigation

into the offenses, the victim described incidences where Graham groped her buttocks and breasts and on one occasion held her down to remove her undergarments in order to assault her. The victim added that she fought the defendant off and he later apologized to her.

2 more plead in bear abuse case

Lake Butler men: last 2 defendants awaiting trial

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A Union County man and a resident of Moultrie, Georgia both pleaded to charges related to the abuse of bears in several locations including the Ocala National Forest.

The case stretches back four years. State officials said the defendants used trained dogs to viciously attack black bears in several wildlife areas, including

the Ocala National Forest. The abuse was discovered after the defendants posted videos of the activity on social media.

Last month William Tyler Wood of Lake Butler became the sixth person to plead in the case

Wood, 32, pleaded guilty in Ocala to five counts of felony cruelty to animals and one count each of conspiracy to commit RICO Act violations, using an animal to fight or bait another animal, felony littering, unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony and unlawful taking of a black bear.

He was sentenced to one year in jail and 10 years' probation. Wood was also ordered to

surrender his 14 dogs and was barred from owning hunting dogs in the future. He is also prohibited from hunting in the national forest.

Mark Christopher Lindsey, 29, of Moultrie, Georgia, was sentenced on Friday, June 10 to 270 days in jail and eight years' probation. He is also prohibited from hunting and owning hunting dogs.

Lindsey pleaded to charges similar to Wood.

The last two defendants in the case awaiting trial are Dustin Reddish, 29, and Troy Travis Starling, 49, both of Lake Butler

June sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of June, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

Soil and water group meeting

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, June 21, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office. A report on the condition of Alligator Creek, Lake Sampson, Sampson Canal and the Sampson River will be presented. How the current conditions of these waterways could impact flooding from

significant rain events will be discussed.

The permit actions noticed by FDEP for permits for the Chemours Trail Ridge South mine will also be discussed along with reports on the status of district projects and activities.

These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or call him at 904-368-0291 for more information.

Letters

Please help Morgan's House

Dear Editor:
I am writing everyone about Morgan's House. This is a nonprofit organization which was formed to assist people with addictions and abuse by giving them temporary housing. Morgan's House is a nonprofit organization inspired by the true story of a young woman with addictions and resulting mental illness. Morgan's House is trying to help prevent these type of situations happening to more people of any age in the Northern Florida area and Lake Region.

The organization is setting up

a property with nine to 10 houses stationed on it to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for victims of addiction, abandonment, and abuse in the northeast Florida and Lake Region areas. They need at least 10 acres in Clay, Bradford or Putnam counties where they could place these homes.

If you have at least 10 acres in these areas which you could donate or give them a super price, they would greatly appreciate it.

They would hire a professional appraiser to give evidence to the value of your donation so that you could use that with the IRS for a tax exemption. Please contact Elaine Gouin at 904-239-0183.

Sincerely,
Elaine Gouin

Well done Williamson's

Dear Editor:
What a great story on Williamson's grocery store in Melrose. Brought back many wonderful memories. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson made everyone feel like family. And how the kids loved Mr. Williamson, who, whenever they passed the meat counter, would hand the little ones a lollipop. Congratulations on 50 years.

Stories like that are, and always have been, one of the things that make the Monitor, Telegraph and Times so special.

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Bradford Food Pantry has new name to honor McRae

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Bradford Food Pantry just underwent its second name change, but it'll be the last as the new name is a testament to the dedication and passion of a man who's devoted so much of his life to community service, with a special emphasis on feeding the hungry.

On June 9, during a dedication of the building the food pantry has been in since 2017 (2226 N. Temple Ave.), a sign was unveiled to reveal its new name: Colonel Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry.

Food pantry board member Betty Warren described McRae as the backbone of the organization.

"I've been at the pantry a long time, and I've worked closely with Arley for many years," she said. "I don't think the pantry would exist — definitely not as it does today — if it had not been for Arley."

During the ceremony, Bob Milner, the president of the food pantry's board of directors, gave kudos to all the people who volunteer at the and described what the food pantry has been able to do with people's generous monetary donations, such as purchasing trailers to pick up food.

Warren said there was a time when McRae, without the benefit of a trailer or even a large vehicle, would pick up food by himself. It wasn't surprising for volunteers to show up and find food that McRae had picked up and dropped off.

"It was like Christmas morning," Warren said. "We never knew what Arley was going to bring in."

McRae's active involvement with the food pantry was affected by two strokes he suffered on Aug. 21, 2013, leaving him confined to a wheelchair. Don't think his heart still isn't in the organization, though. He attended the grand-opening ceremony the food pantry hosted in 2017 after its move into its current location and was present again for this most recent

dedication ceremony, leaving his home for the first time since the pandemic.

Warren and Milner did most of the speaking at the ceremony, but McRae, who'll turn 88 on July 31, did take the time to say a few words when he introduced one of the people in attendance: Bill Brown, the founder of The Children's Table in Bronson. The Children's Table, which supplies emergency food to people in need, tries to serve 10 counties, Brown said.

McRae referred to Brown as "one of the best food givers ever."

Of course, Warren didn't want the surprise guest of honor (as the name change of the food pantry was kept a secret) to forget the large role he played as a food giver in his home community.

"Arley, I hope you know what you got started and supported and kept running," Warren said, adding, "We want to honor you today and recognize all that you did for so many years."

McRae would tell you that his efforts and those of everyone who have been involved with or supported the food pantry in some way have gone toward simply doing what's right — helping out your fellow man. In speaking at the Sept. 6, 2017, grand-opening ceremony, McRae summed his feelings up by quoting Matthew 25:35-40 and encouraging those in attendance to also go home and read it themselves: "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have

done it unto me."

"The mission statement of the Bradford Food Pantry is to share the love of God and Jesus Christ through feeding the hungry in the Bradford and Union County area according to scripture," Milner said, adding, "We do our part and leave the rest to God. In other words, work like it depends on you, pray like it depends on Him. If you do both of those, your needs will be supplied."

"I can tell you that has been the case."

Givers, volunteers

Thanks to a numerous individuals, organizations and businesses, the food pantry has been in existence for 33 years. As Milner put it during the June 9 dedication, "Without all of our donors of food and finances and our volunteers...there is no food pantry feeding thousands of families a year."

The donations of money and food is easy to understand, but the volunteers are crucial to the operation. They sort the food items and prepare them for distribution, which takes place on a drive-up basis every Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Volunteers also drive to pick up food from places such as Walmart and Winn-Dixie, the Waste Not Want Not, Farm Share and Feeding Northeast Florida food distributors, and Davis Express, which receives food donations from various companies.

"These folks are here four or five days a week," Milner said of the volunteers.



With assistance from his family, Arley McRae stands for the pledge of allegiance.

Thanks to donations and the effort of the volunteers, the pantry has served more than 87,000 different Bradford County families since its inception.

"Some of them came in once. Some of them came every time they could," Warren said.

Those families consisted of 226,000 individuals.

The food pantry began supplying food to people from Union County approximately four years ago, resulting in 4,420

families from that area being fed.

Warren said 27 percent of the families the food pantry has served included somebody over 62 years of age, 38 percent included somebody who's disabled, 8 percent included a veteran and 29 percent included children.

"You all are reaching these people by your donations and your time," Warren said.

Milner said various churches support the food pantry — and

that support is appreciated, of course — but he specifically gave kudos to First Christian Church of Starke, which he described as "one of the most supportive organizations we have had for many years, individually and collectively as a church."

"We literally could not have done without First Christian Church," Milner said. "There were several times when we

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Arley McRae poses for a photo in front of the new sign that was unveiled at the Bradford Food Pantry, denoting that it is now known as the Colonel Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry. McRae is surrounded by family (l-r) granddaughter Madelyn Kish, daughter Maria Kish, wife Gladys, grandson Brian Kish and son-in-law Paul Kish. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Food Pantry Board Member Betty Warren (left) shares a few words about how important Arley McRae (right) has been in keeping the food pantry going.

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Obituaries

Sherwin Carter

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Sherwin W. "Bill" Carter, 83, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 19, 1938, in Jasper to Claude and Mae (Dempsey) Carter. He earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and honorably served 14 years in the Florida National Guard at Camp Blanding. His 42-year career began working in the mail room for State Farm Insurance and working his way to retiring as their computer analyst. He had been a longtime resident of Keystone Heights and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling to the mountains and golfing, but most of all, he loved and took care of his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Claudette.

He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 62 wonderful years, Barbara Anne (Parks) Carter of Keystone Heights; their three children, Sheri (Tom) Tyer of Lake City, Angelia Marie (Will) Preston of Merritt Island, and Douglas William (Britney) Carter of Keystone Heights; along with a sister, Ann Carter of High Springs. He was also lovingly called "Papee" by Tanner Tyer, Ryan Preston, Andrew Preston, Hayleigh Carter and Rhiannon Rios.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Tyer and Pastor Daniel Findley officiating. Interment followed at the Keystone Heights Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the First Baptist Church, 550 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights.

Arrangements were under the care of JonesGallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Evelyn Crews

HAMPTON Evelyn "June" Crews, 74, of Hampton died on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Community Hospice Center for Caring at Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside in Jacksonville. She was born in Gainesville on Oct. 21, 1947, to the late James Monroe Tillman and Lula Agnes Griffiths Tillman.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, June 13, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Pastor Randall Griffiths Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Lawtey Cemetery in Lawtey.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke 904-964-5757.

Mary Davis

Mary Ruth Davis, 83, of Cocoa, died on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Rockledge Regional Medical Center in Rockledge.

She is survived by her children, Charlotte D. (Rodney) Cooper, of Conway, South Carolina, Troy R. Davis, of Cocoa; brother, Tommy (Judy) Johnson, of MississippiMS; sister, Barbara (Michael) Dawes, of Jacksonville; and three grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, June 15, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757.

Madeline LaGasse

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Madeline Rose LaGasse, 75, of Keystone Heights died Sunday, June 12, 2022.

She is survived by her husband, Roland LaGasse of Keystone Heights; and their two children Cheryl (Glenn) Clark of Broad Book, Connecticut and Michael (Melissa) LaGasse of Manchester, Connecticut.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

William Meng

MELROSE William "Bill" Michael Meng, 73, passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at his home in Melrose. Born on Jan. 6, 1949, in Starke, he grew up as the second oldest in a family with five brothers and five sisters. They often worked together on the family dairy farm, where Bill gained many of his building skills and "can-do" abilities. He graduated from Bradford High School in the Class of 1967. He and his high school sweetheart, Betsy Matthews, were named the "Cutest"

senior pair. Following high school, he moved on to study civil engineering at the University of Florida and received his bachelor of science in civil engineering in 1971. He spent his summers building homes to earn his way through college. Bill and Betsy were married in 1970 and moved to St. Petersburg to begin their life as a young family. They welcomed two children, Dana and Michael, and Bill enjoyed helping in Boy Scouts and other events as the children grew up. Bill began as a civil engineer at Misener Marine in Tampa, and moved his way up to become president and owner of Gulf Foundation. Although a native Floridian, he discovered a love for the mountains of the west and, following an early retirement, found property overlooking a vista in La Veta, Colorado, where he and Betsy built a beautiful log home. A former builder, Bill did much of the work himself on the house. He and Betsy split their time in La Veta and Keystone Heights, where Bill constructed much of their lakefront home on Lake Geneva as well. Following a divorce in 2005, he constructed a new lakefront home in Melrose, where he enjoyed being close to a nature preserve and viewing wildlife like sand-hill cranes. In La Veta, he also reconstructed an old homesteader's cabin as his summer home, preserving the original wood. During his years in Colorado, he enjoyed hunting excursions for large game alongside family and friends. He also took advantage of the natural beauty of Colorado to hike many trails and enjoyed listening to live music. He was preceded in his death by his parents, Ruth (Mouch) Meng in 2015 and Paul Meng in 2020.

He is survived by his siblings, Carlton Meng of Keystone Heights, Carolyn Hunter-Haast of Hiawassee, Georgia, Phyllis McClure of Tampa, Marty of Old Town, Joyce (John) Thiemann of Hampton Lake, Sallye (Randy) Scoggins of Hampton Lake, Beverly (David) Wanner of Oxford, North Carolina, Joe (Debbie) of Ochlocknee, Georgia, Mike of Macclenny, and John (Karen) of Pembroke, Georgia. He leaves behind his former wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Matthews) Meng; children Dana (Paul) Colbert of Gulfport, and Michael (Kristin) Meng of Clemson, South Carolina; and five grandchildren, Makayla (Aaron) Neel, Elijah Colbert, Luke Colbert, Elliot Meng, and Miriam Meng; as well as many other beloved friends and family in Florida and Colorado.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, June 17, at 11 a.m. in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656 with Mr. Joe Meng officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at a later date. Anyone wishing to contribute a gift in his memory may consider a donation to The Michael J. Fox Foundation or The National Wildlife Federation.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Bobby Snyder

MIDDLEBURG - Bobby Joe "Bob" Snyder, 83, of Middleburg passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in Orange Park. He was born Feb. 25, 1939 in Perry and proudly served our country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. He retired from General Foods following 31 years of exemplary service as a distribution manager. He led a dedicated life in service to his community and others through his volunteer work with the EOC of Bradford County, and he also volunteered several years with Clay County Hospital. He had an unwavering faith in Christ and dedication to his church home, Kingsley Lake Baptist Church. He is best remembered as a devoted and loving husband, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be deeply missed by those who loved and knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine Snyder; daughter, Sharese Hartley; son, Terry (Anne) Whitten; daughter-in-law Kathy (Mike) Sanftner; six granddaughters, Melissa (Duane) Stratton, Leslee Hartley, Britney (Tracy) Abbott, Caitlin (Audie) Shuler, Meg (Jed) Adams, and Sara (Kyle) Stone; sisters-in-law, Anne O'Bryant and Helen Larsson; eight great-grandchildren, and many other loving family members and friends.

Funeral services in celebration of his life were held on Tuesday, June 7, at his faith home, Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, with Senior Pastor Jonathan Rodriguez officiating. He was laid to rest at the Garden of the Apostles at Jacksonville Memory Gardens with military honors conferred by the US. Army. All are encouraged to share photos, condolences, and other remembrances of him on the Tribute Wall at www.jacksonvillememorygardens.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Kingsley Lake Baptist Church or to the charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

Hazel Wall

Hazel Hoffman Wall, 103, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 10, 2022, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was born on June 25, 1918, in Arcadia, to Leo G. Hoffman and Nellie Gatewood Hoffman. She would have been 104 on June 25. She married the love of her life, "Billy," as she called him, on June 25, 1937. They were blessed with a large and loving family. They lived in many places, owned several businesses, traveled to many places together, and were missionaries, teaching and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

She started college at the age of 44 at the University of Florida and graduated with a bachelor's degree in library science and a master's degree in education and curriculum. She enjoyed painting and reading. She published a book in 2006, "Cracker Girl, A Love Story," telling the story of her life. She was a wonderful, Godly, Christian woman who loved her Lord, church, family, and friends. One other thing she loved and was dear to her heart was teaching her Bible Study Class. She was an amazing woman who was an inspiration to all who knew her. What a blessed life she had. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, John E. Wall Jr.; her parents, Leo G. Hoffman and Nellie Gatewood Hoffman; brothers, Newton Hoffman and George E. Hoffman; sisters, Bertha Lee Sproc, Audrey White, Carmelita Hoffman, Camille Cawthon; one daughter, Rebecca Ann Wall; son, John E. Wall III; grandson, Dana L. Wall; and great-grandsons, John D. Wall and Tanner L. Wall.

She is survived by sons, Wayne M. (Vonda) Wall, Michael A. Wall, Stephen H. Wall; a daughter, Wanda Clifford; grandchildren, John E. Wall IV, Gregory D. Wall, Rebecca Norton, Cheri Norman, Samira Massey, Wayne M. Wall Jr., Eric Wall, John William "Billy" Jackson, Greg Jackson, Bryan Wall, Jason Wall, and Travis Wall; 27 great-grandchildren, and 37 great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held Morningstar Baptist Church, 11250 W County Road 18, Lake Butler, on Saturday, June 18, at 11 a.m. Pastor Mike Devine will officiate the memorial service. A private family burial will be held later that evening with Pastor Rick Jackson officiating.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Joyce Whidden

LAKE BUTLER Joyce M. Whidden, 82, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Born Jan. 3, 1940, in Ft. Myers to the late Jim and Mabel Bostic McCoy, she spent most of her life in south Florida. In 1998, she and her family moved to Union County to enjoy the quiet, rural community. She was a talented seamstress, specializing in quilting. She won numerous awards and ribbons for her quilts. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Starke for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of over 45 years, Wilson Whidden of Lake Butler; her daughters, Carrie (Jay) Blodgett of Howie-in-the-Hills and Kim (Jamie) Austin of Lake Butler; stepchildren, Steve Hatcher and Pat (Doug) Bliss both of Naples; her four grandchildren, Avah and Tyler Blodgett and Cole and Bailee Austin; and her brother, James McCoy of Michigan.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at her church, First Baptist Church of Starke. Pastor Matthew Page to officiate.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

PANTRY

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were low on cash — we never asked them for anything, but they showed up like angels."

The food pantry's first home was a building of approximately 900 square feet on Andrews Street — off U.S. 301 on the opposite side of Powell's Dairy Freeze. It didn't offer much space for food and volunteers.

"Somehow, Arley and (then Food Director Gerald) Moody and Betty and all of them made it work in that little building," Milner said. "That is such a testament to all those volunteers."

The building the food pantry is in now is owned by the state. It used to house Gold Key and had sat vacant when that business closed at the end of 2015. Moody went to the local offices of Rep. Bobby Payne and then Sen. Rob Bradley, explaining how desperately the food pantry needed a bigger building and how the site of the former Gold Key could suit its needs.

"Within a matter of weeks, we had this building," Milner said.

It doesn't cost the food pantry anything to use the building, but, of course, there are costs for such things as utilities and ongoing renovations. Add to that the purchase of items (refrigerators, freezers, a generator, trailers, etc.) to help the food pantry better serve its customers, and you can see how important monetary donations have been.

"Your donations help us pay our insurance, utilities, pest control and repairs and replacement of equipment," Milner said. "We bought two small trailers — one of which is enclosed — for picking up food from various organizations."

"None of this, again, would be possible without the consistent support of our donors, some of whom continue to give every year, frequently in honor or in memory of a loved one."

The Colonel Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry could use more volunteers, especially those who are younger who can more easily work in the heat as well as do some heavy lifting.

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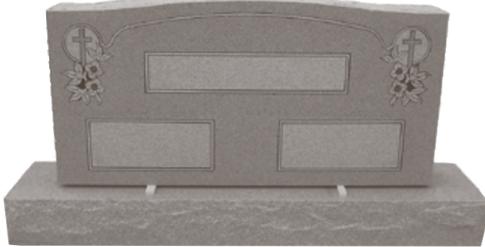
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McRae recalls distinguished Air Force career

Editor's note: In light of the Bradford Food Pantry now being known as the Colonel Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry (see story on page 9B), the Telegraph-Times-Monitor presents this Veterans Day story in which McRae talked of his love of flying and his career in the Air Force. The story was originally published on Nov. 8, 2012.

BY MARY W. BRIDGMAN
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Folks around Starke know Arley McRae for his untiring work as director of the Bradford Food Pantry. He is also executive director of Habitat for Humanity and a trustee for Santa Fe College.

Those roles — and many other

community service activities — are what occupy McRae's time now, but Veterans Day calls to mind a different time when McRae's whole life was the United States Air Force.

Although McRae is a fifth-generation Bradford Countian, he was actually born in Lakeland, where his parents were employed in the citrus industry during the Depression. They moved back to Bradford County when he was 6. He attended the three-room Rising School, one of many small, public schools scattered throughout rural areas.

McRae's interest in flying began early, nurtured by photos of World War II airplanes that appeared on the back of boxes of Kellogg's Pep cereal.

"I cut those out, had a big collection of them during the war," he said.

In 1942, one of those warplanes literally fell from the sky and crashed right across the road from his home while his mother and a friend were sitting on the front porch shelling peas. The plane caught fire and caused the live ammunition it was carrying to go off.

Although one of the crew — its tail gunner — perished in the fire, that didn't quell McRae's interest in flying.

"It made me more determined than before," he said. "I didn't think about crashing."

With a father who had played semi-pro baseball, McRae was interested in sports. He enrolled

in Bradford High School in 1948, playing football and baseball and running track.

"I was more interested in the social and political aspects of school," McRae said. "I didn't have the best grades, and that was my own fault. I was always either president or vice president of my class. I was president of the student body my senior year."

McRae set his sights on the University of Florida as a means to get his wings — through the ROTC program. Encouraged by his high school principal, Mr. Partin, he obtained a football scholarship and played for the Gators as a defensive back. An injury sidelined him after the first year, but his scholarship remained in effect, and he juggled an interesting assortment of jobs, including square-dance caller and sports referee, to meet his college expenses.

He graduated with a degree in physical education in 1956.

"Back then, physical education emphasized sports and coaching," McRae said. "Now, it's more about human performance and taking care of your body."

After a brief stint as a high school coach, McRae began his Air Force career. He earned his wings in 1958, graduating number three in his class of 50.

At that time, there wasn't a war going on, so pilots were not in high demand. McRae was able to continue his training. During an air-gunnery exercise, his plane was hit by another, which took off his left wing. Thrown from the plane, McRae was still in his seat. He pulled his parachute prematurely, which could have caused the chute to become entangled in the seat and cost him his life. Instead, the seat caught on his boot, and though the landing was rough, he survived.



Lt. Arley McRae pictured by an F-100 fighter jet.

"With the health and physical education training I had, I was able to cut my parachute and bandage myself," McRae said.

The crash occurred at 10:10 a.m. By mid-afternoon, the rescue team had not found McRae or the other pilot. One of their classmates told the crew they were looking in the wrong area and went and found them. He then recruited a helicopter pilot and a doctor to make the rescue despite unfavorable weather conditions.

"I'm very thankful they got us," McRae said.

The crash did not quench his passion for flying. After recovering, he spent several years flying in Europe during the Cold War, on full nuclear alert. By 1964, McRae had achieved the rank of captain.

U.S. involvement in Vietnam was escalating. McRae became involved in determining where its planes should be located. Later, he was assigned to Ubon, Thailand, and flew 133 combat missions — more than the 100 normally required of pilots. He was awarded the Silver Star, the third highest military decoration for valor that can be given to any person serving in any capacity within the U.S. armed forces.

After his tour of duty in Vietnam, McRae was asked by the Air Force to upgrade the technology and training in its planes destined for Southeast Asia. He pioneered the Smart-Bomb program, which dramatically reduced casualties, both civilian and military. The

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Back-to-back district champions

Bradford's T-ball All-Star team won its second straight district championship, defeating Palatka 18-3, Santa Fe 17-1 and Keystone Heights 16-6. It has been quite a run for the team, which has won the last three tournaments it's played in. Bradford now heads to the state tournament, which will be held in Lake City. If you'd like to make a donation or become a sponsor to help the team with state-tournament expenses, please call Valerie Strickland at 770-355-6001. Pictured: (front, l-r) Kingston Donley, Michael Hanson, Chance Reed, Ashton Brown, (middle, l-r) Wynnlis Lansford, Braxten Wynn, Easton Wiseman, Dawson Hedrick, Rylan Noegel, Donelle Waldron, James Taylor, Jaxson Strickland and (back, l-r) coaches Braxton Britt, Cletis Brown, Thomas Strickland and Tyler Orton.

Legal Notices

Bradford

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, Petitioner

vs. EDWARD O. SMITH, JR., Case #46827 Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: EDWARD O. SMITH, JR.

Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Dean Register, Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before July 17, 2022. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C. Dated: May 17, 2022
Dean Register, Professionalism Director
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
By: -s- Mehgen Peoples, Division Representative

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 04-2022-CA-000206

JOE C. HARMON, Plaintiff,

vs. WALTER V. HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Walter V. Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties; and LUDIE HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Ludie Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties.

administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Ludie Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WALTER V. HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Walter V. Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties; and LUDIE HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Ludie Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following described property in Bradford County, Florida: See Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Katelyn T. Hardwick, plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, on or before 30 days from date of first publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on May 25, 2022.
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: L. Brannon
Deputy Clerk
EXHIBIT A

A parcel of land lying in the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast Corner of said West Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of Southwest

Quarter and run South 03 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 22.61 feet to a 1/2" iron rod (LB 4012) set at an Intersection with the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Estelle Street for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 03 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 77.39 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at the Northeast corner of Lot 7 of Denny Heights Subdivision (Unrecorded); thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds West, along the Northerly boundaries of said Lot 7 and Lot 8 of Denny Heights Subdivision, 175.24 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found at the Northwest corner of said Lot 8, also being on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of Charles Court; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds West, along last said Easterly boundary, 74.90 feet to said Southerly boundary of the right of way of Estelle Street; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 57 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 175.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.31 of an acre, more or less. Previously described as:

Parcel 1
Start at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run South One Hundred (100) feet; thence run West Fifty (50) feet to a Point of Beginning; thence run West Twenty-five (25) feet; thence run North One Hundred (100) feet; thence run East Twenty-five (25) feet; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet to Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-Two (22) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

Also
Parcel 2
Start at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East for a Point of Beginning; Thence run South One Hundred (100) feet;

thence run West Fifty (50) feet; thence run North One Hundred (100) feet; thence run East Fifty (50) feet to Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22) Township Six (6), South, Range Twenty-two (22) East. Also
Parcel 3
Commence at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East for a point of reference; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet; thence run West Seventy-five (75) feet for a Point of Beginning; thence run West One Hundred (100) feet; thence run North One Hundred (100) feet; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet to the Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,

CASE No. 20000463CAAXMX
WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR GREEN TREE 2008-MH1, Plaintiff,

vs. MARION H. BRIGHT AKA MARION HOLLENSWORTH BRIGHT, et. al. Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 20000463CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT

SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR GREEN TREE 2008-MH1, Plaintiff, and, MARION H. BRIGHT AKA MARION HOLLENSWORTH BRIGHT, et. al., are Defendants, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Denny Thompson, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Bradford County Courthouse lobby, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of June, 2022, the following described property:
THE NORTH 102.53 FEET OF THE SOUTH 334.53 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25 AND RUN N 01 DEG 23 MIN 59 SEC W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 232.05 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE CONTINUE N 01 DEG 23 MIN 59 SEC W, ALONG LAST SAID WEST LINE, 102.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;
THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 46 MIN 25 SEC E, 270.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;
THENCE RUN S 01 DEG 23 MIN 59 SEC E, 102.53 FEET TO AN IRON ROD;
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COMMENCE AT THE IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26 (ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 25) AND RUN N 01 DEG 23 MIN 59 SEC W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26,

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Bradford

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-0062 DIVISION: PROBATE IN RE: ESTATE OF JOAN J. DYAL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JOAN J. DYAL, deceased, whose date of death was December 14, 2021; is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 04-2022-CP-0062; the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Petitioners and the Petitioners' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: June 9, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
M. Aaron Dukes, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A.
Post Office Box 328
Lake Butler, FL 32054
386-269-2394
Petitioner:
George Dyal
12546 SW 85th Terr
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
6/9 21chg 6/16-BCT

MEETING CANCELLED
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida has CANCELLED the special meeting on June 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.
The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountycl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.
6/16 11chg-BCT

City of Starke, Florida
Second Public Hearing Notice
The City of Starke plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2021-2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$700,000 in the Neighborhood Revitalization category. The grant project activities, estimated dollar amounts, and estimated percentage benefit to low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons are as follows:
Water Main Replacement: \$530,000 (+51% LMI benefit); Fire Hydrant Installation: \$25,000 (+51% LMI benefit); Engineering Design and

Preliminary Engineering: \$47,000 (LMI benefit is not applicable); Engineering Inspection and Construction Contract Administration: \$25,900 (LMI benefit is not applicable); Grant Administration: \$56,000 (LMI benefit is not applicable); Additional Engineering such as Surveys, Geotech and related: \$15,400 (LMI benefit is not applicable). Total grant amount: \$700,000. In addition, \$50,000 will be contributed to the project by the City to be used as local match to further and enhance the CDBG funded activities. The location of the proposed project activities include:

Service Area #1: (Brownlee Street/Old Lawley Road Area) CDBG funded improvements will include the construction of 2,525 LF of water main to replace the existing water main that is located on Brownlee Street Road between Oak Street and Old Lawley Road and along Old Lawley Road between Brownlee Street and North Street. In addition, five fire hydrants will be installed that will serve the same area as the replacement water mains. The service area of the fire hydrants and replacement water mains is a residential area that is bounded by Brownlee Street and the Pecan Tree apartments to the south, North Road to the north, Oak Street to the west and Old Lawley Road to the east.

The City of Starke does not expect that anyone will be displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, the City of Starke will assist them as described in the City's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at City Hall.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at Starke City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091 on June 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours in the Clerk's Office at City Hall by noon on June 17, 2022. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to Lisa Heeder, Deputy Clerk, by e-mail at LLHeeder@cityofstarke.org or by mail to 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 no later than June 30, 2022. Questions and/or comments may also be provided by phone. Ms. Heeder can be reached at (904) 964-5027.

A copy of the final application will be available for review in the Clerk's Office at City Hall no later than July 15, 2022. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before July 21, 2022. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Lisa Heeder, Deputy Clerk, at (904) 964-5027 or by e-mail at LHeeder@cityofstarke.org. The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing by contacting Lisa Heeder, Deputy Clerk at (904) 964-5027. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (DD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Lisa Heeder, Deputy Clerk at (850) 962-4611 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION
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CITY OF HAMPTON

Second Public Hearing Notice
The City of Hampton plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2021-2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$600,000 in the Neighborhood Revitalization category. The grant project activities, estimated dollar amounts, and estimated percentage benefit to low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons are as follows:

Water Well (Water Plant) improvements will take place at the City of Hampton's water well #2R, which is located at 10106 Prospect Avenue, Hampton, Florida. Improvements will include drilling a replacement well, well casing replacement, pump replacement, electrical system replacement, piping replacement and related water well improvements. The amount budgeted for this activity is (\$468,000) and the benefit to low- and moderate-income persons is over 51%.

The project will also include engineering design, construction administration, project observation, additional engineering, and preliminary engineering. The amount budgeted for this activity is \$84,000. Benefit to low and moderate income persons for this activity is not applicable. In addition, the project will include grant administration activities. The amount budgeted for grant administration is \$48,000. Benefit to low and moderate income persons for this activity is not applicable.

The City will contribute local match to the project in the amount of \$25,000. The local match funds will be used to further and enhance the CDBG funded activities. The City of Hampton does not expect that anyone will be permanently displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, the City of Hampton will assist them as described in the City's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at City Hall.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the City of Hampton City Hall located at 5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL 32044. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours in the Clerk's Office at City Hall by noon on June 23, 2022. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator, by e-mail at coh1@outlook.com or by mail to P. O. Drawer 250, Hampton, Florida 32044 no later than July 6, 2022.

A copy of the final application will be available for review in the Clerk's Office at City Hall no later than July 11, 2022. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before July 21, 2022. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator, at (352) 468-1201 or by e-mail at coh1@outlook.com. The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing by contacting Mary Lou Hildreth at (352) 468-1201. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Mary Lou Hildreth at (352) 468-1201 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.
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6/16 11chg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 07/01/2022 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N. THOMPSON ST. STARKE FL, 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN

AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No# 04-2021-CP-78
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ESTATE OF CHARLES LEE MORGAN.
PROBATE DIVISION
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CHARLES LEE MORGAN deceased, whose date of death was September 3, 2019, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-6595 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 16, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ADAM LEE LAW PLLC
Adam J. Lee, Esquire
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4735 NW 53rd Ave, Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32653
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Telephone: (352) 373-5500
Attorney for Petitioner
Personal Representative:
LAUREN MORGAN
199 South Lakewood Drive
Starke, FL 32091
Petitioner
6/16 21chg 6/23-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File Number: 04-2021-1-CP-78
IN RE: ESTATE OF Division:
CHARLES LEE MORGAN
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
The administration of the estate of Charles Lee Morgan Deceased, File Number 04-2021-CP-78 is pending in the Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claim with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claim with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ATTEST:
James Tallman, Union County Board of County Commission, Chairman
Kellie H. Rhoades, Union County Clerk of Courts.
Special hearing to take place at regular Union County Board Meeting June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. where public may speak in favor or against ordinance.
6/9 21chg 6/16-UCT

Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE # 249
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 34-04-21-00-000-0011-00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
A parcel of land lying in the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 21 East, Union County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner of said Section 34 and run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 624.93 feet; thence South 07 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East, 19.20 feet to an iron rod found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 125 for the Point of Beginning, from Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 07 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East 466.96 feet to a found iron rod, thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 277.48 feet to a set concrete monument; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 23 seconds West, 310.37 feet to a set concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 48 seconds West, 743.29 feet to an iron rod set on said Southerly boundary; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary 258.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: James W. Barton and Lisa D. Barton
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 21st day of July, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
6/9 4tchg 6/30-UCT

6/16 21chg 6/23-BCT

Union

ORDINANCE 2022-04
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE HALF (½) MILL TO BE USED FOR THE FUNDING OF THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
WHEREAS, the board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida has created a Union County Special Library District by Ordinance 88-3, and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to fund the Union County Special Library District by levy of up to and not exceeding one half (½) mill of ad valorem taxes; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1, FUNDING
A. The Board of County Commissioners herein directs the Union County Supervisor of Elections to place upon the First Primary Election Ballot, to be held August 23, 2022, the following:
For the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District by taxation of up to ½ mill of ad valorem taxes.

Against the continued funding of the Union County Special Library District of taxation of up to one half (½) mill ad valorem taxes.

B. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a certified true copy of this Ordinance to the Union County Supervisor of Elections upon its final adoption.

C. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the referendum election, called for and provided in Section 2(A) above, vote in favor of the funding of Union County Special District, then, in that event, the funding of the Union County Special Library District for fiscal years October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025, will be taxation of up to (½) mill of ad valorem taxes, and all property subject to assessment of ad valorem taxes shall be taxed accordingly.

D. If the majority of qualified electors voting in the referendum election, provided for in Section 2 (A) above, vote against the funding of the Union County Special Library District, then, in that event, this Ordinance shall be automatically repealed.

SECTION 3, DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS

Those funds obtained from the levy of the ad valorem taxes on all real and tangible, taxable property within the boundaries of Union County Special Library District, shall be used solely for the purpose of construction, operating and maintaining the Library facilities to the citizens of Union County, Florida and for no other purpose.

SECTION 4, COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE UNION COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
The herein provided for the ad valorem tax shall be levied and collected in the manner provided for the levy and collection of the County ad valorem taxes. The Union County Board of Commissioners shall certify annually to the Property Appraiser of Union County, Florida the millage to be levied for the Union County Special Library District. Taxes collected shall be remitted by the Union County Tax Collector to the Clerk of the Court in and for Union County, Florida who shall be the Ex-Officio Clerk and Treasurer for the Union County Special Library District.

SECTION 5, REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE BY COUNTY OFFICERS

All cost and expenses incurred by a Constitutional Officer of Union County, Florida in performing any of the provisions of this ordinance may be reimbursed by the Union County Special Library District to said Constitutional Officer; said reimbursements however, shall not collectively exceed ten percent (10) of the revenues collected within the Union County Special Library District in any budget year.

SECTION 6, CONSTRUCTION
This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida.

SECTION 7, SEVERABILITY
It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of the Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity unconstitutional shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8, EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida this 20th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:
James Tallman, Union County Board of County Commission, Chairman
Kellie H. Rhoades, Union County Clerk of Courts.
Special hearing to take place at regular Union County Board Meeting June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. where public may speak in favor or against ordinance.
6/9 21chg 6/16-UCT

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YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 34-04-21-00-000-0011-00
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NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: James W. Barton and Lisa D. Barton
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 21st day of July, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
6/9 4tchg 6/30-UCT

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CERTIFICATE#: 139
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 20-06-19-47-000-0210-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
WORTHINGTON SPRINGS PLANTATION, SECTIONS 17, 19 AND 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST.
PARCEL NO. 21
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 1327.98 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. S-238-A AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11,419.2 FEET AND BEING CONCAVE TO THE EAST, THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 150.05 FEET (THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 10 SECONDS) THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 303.30 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 4 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 150.2 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING AND LYING IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: DONNIE L. CRAWFORD
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 21st day of July, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
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6/9 4tchg 6/30-UCT

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SECTION 6, CONSTRUCTION
This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida.

SECTION 7, SEVERABILITY
It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of the Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional such invalidity unconstitutional shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8, EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Florida this 20th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:
James Tallman, Union County Board of County Commission, Chairman
Kellie H. Rhoades, Union County Clerk of Courts.
Special hearing to take place at regular Union County Board Meeting June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. where public may speak in favor or against ordinance.
6/9 21chg 6/16-LRM

Notice of Agency Action
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656; Units# 255, containing misc. household items.
6/9 4tchg 6/30-UCT

Lake Region

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656; Units# 255, containing misc. household items.
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BMS coach Segars is now BHS volleyball coach

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Jamie Segars, after one year of being the Bradford Middle School head volleyball coach, is now ready to take the reins of the head coaching position at Bradford High School.

"Mainly, I am excited and motivated to use the talent that we have here and bring in what I can and scout out what I can't so I can provide for these girls the best I possibly can," Segars said.

Segars, who lives in Melrose, said the head coaching experience she received at BMS has prepared her for her new job.

"I learned a lot about managing a team instead of just bringing skills and my knowledge of the sport to them," she said. "I learned managing and being consistent and having a plan for the entire season and not just for practices. It was something I needed to work on as a coach."

"That's part of being a coach. You're always learning."

Segars began playing volleyball in sixth grade. She said she doesn't remember exactly what it was that made her want to give the game a try, but what she does remember is why she stuck with it. During tryouts, a coach told her she was a natural athlete when it came to volleyball.

"The confidence I lacked was really picked up by a coach," she said.

She played the positions of setter and right side, so she laughed when she said, "Defense is not my specialty." She'll leave that part of the game to Paris Shanks, a BHS graduate who played volleyball.

"She's very, very experienced in defense, which is one of the reasons why I chose her as my co-coach," Segars said.

Segars moved around a lot as a youth. She actually played for BMS her eighth-grade year before moving to Lakeland, where she played for Lakeland High School for a year. Segars got to be a part of that school's varsity team when it went to state, "which was really cool as a freshman," she said.

Her final three years of high school were spent in Tennessee. Segars then had the opportunity to play at Walter State Community College in Morristown, Tennessee.

Segars eventually moved back to Florida to be with family and was eager to find a position so



New BHS Volleyball Coach Jamie Segars (right) gives a demonstration for Chloe Anderson during a June 6-8 conditioning camp. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

that she could "continue my career in volleyball in a different way."

She had previously coached as an assistant at Keystone Heights High School before being recruited to go to Bradford Middle School and take over that program.

"I gave it a shot. I got here and fell in love," Segars said of the volleyball program and BMS, where she taught. She added, "I

fell in love with the students. I fell in love with the athletes and the potential there."

Segars started a local travel-ball program that consisted of 16U and 18U teams. She hopes to keep that program going and to grow it. It's a way, she said, of "being able to keep these girls learning and growing with the sport as opposed to two months playing and then the rest of (the year) off."

"A really big goal of mine is to keep the program all year round," Segars said. "Volleyball is a very short season, especially if you don't take it past districts."

Having camps and open gyms is a part of that equation. Segars said this summer, players are working on developing as athletes, utilizing score sheets to track their progress.

The goal isn't just to make better players. It's to create a team in the truest sense of the word. That includes bringing players together outside of the gym. Segars said she wants to take the players on a "bonding trip," which might include playing beach volleyball at Kingsley Lake or somewhere else.

"The main focus here is actually getting the girls together," Segars said. "Getting them together outside of a school setting, outside of the court — building, bonding and really understanding each other and learning how to communicate better with each other."

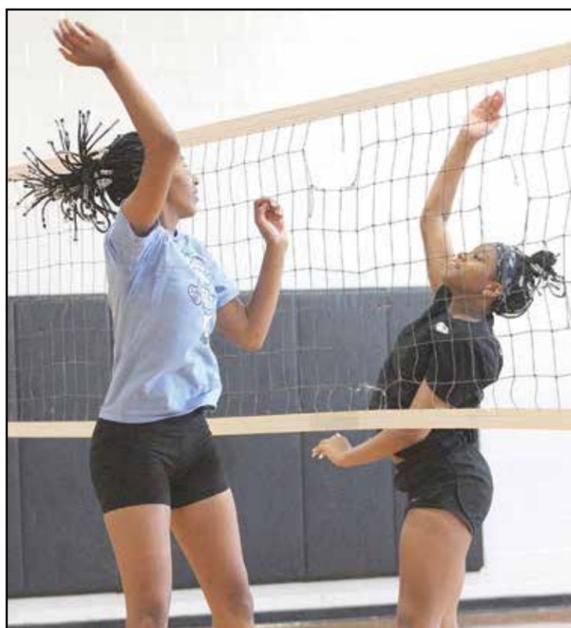
Part of the bonding process this year will include players getting used to a new coach. Segars said she's not the kind of coach to yell, as that's just not part of her personality, but she is demanding and has expectations of the players. They'll understand that from the get-go.

"Unfortunately, you have to come in hard (as a new coach), and you have to come in having to earn that respect and then maybe easing up as you build those relationships," Segars said. "If not, you're going to lose that whole team."

"I want these girls to feel like they can rely on me and trust in me."

Segars hopes some of that trust is earned by allowing the players to share their ideas for the program. For example, Bradford will play in a couple of tournaments this upcoming season. Segars said she wants her players to watch how other teams play and to think about how what those teams are doing could benefit their own team. The questions she'll pose to her

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Ar'Nayshia Griffin (left) and Shyde' Williams go up for plays at the net during conditioning camp. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



Ashley Brady makes a pass during conditioning camp. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



District champs, state bound

The Bradford Rookie All-Star team continued its strong play in tournaments, capturing the district championship and earning its way to the state tournament, which will be held in Lake City. Bradford, which had won its three previous tournaments, defeated Keystone Heights 9-2 before recording two straight wins over Williston by scores of 17-2 and 9-5. The 9-5 win resulted in the first district title in four years. Pictured: (front, l-r) Carter Reddish, Easton Johnson, Paxton Noegel, Bella Coiana, Branton Clements, (middle, l-r) Colton Pilcher, Bentley Collins, Jase Nichols, Dalton Hedrick, Blayne Taylor, Holston Hutchinson, Stephen Reyes and (back, l-r) coaches Josh Nichols, David Hedrick, Drew Reddish and Gino Coiana. If you'd like to make a donation or become a sponsor to help the team with state-tournament expenses, please call Kera Hedrick at 352-642-5209.

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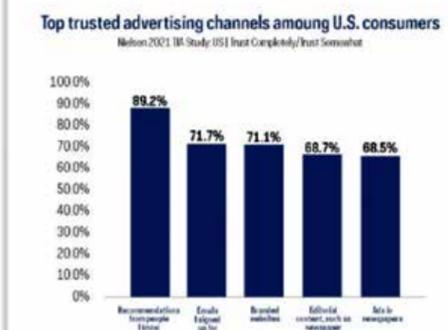
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District runners-up heading to state

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Meeting to make plans for community garden to be held June 28

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COACH

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players are, "What do you see this team doing that you'd like to see our team do? How can we get there?"

"Incorporating their ideas, I believe, is effective because they're more willing to work toward (those ideas)," Segars said.

Segars said one of the goals for the 2022 season is for the program to improve upon its ranking, noting that BHS is ranked 411th in the state. She'd like to see the Tornadoes move up into the 200s.

That, however, isn't the ultimate goal. Segars wants to see each player improve. When she was the BMS coach, she'd sit down with each player and discuss the areas in which they grew and what areas they still needed to work on.

It also isn't about just individual growth. Segars said it's about a player doing the things to make her teammates better as well.

Players may not currently be at the level she'd like to see them at, but the new head coach is eager for the start of the season.

"I'm excited to start," Segars said, adding, "I'm a little nervous about it right now because of the habits and things we have to dissect and reform, but I'm very, very excited to get these



Jamie Segars is the new varsity head volleyball coach at Bradford High School after coaching Bradford Middle School last year. Photo originally published on the Bradford Athletics Facebook page.

girls back into the atmosphere of volleyball."

The community is apparently excited, too. Segars created an Amazon wishlist for items the program needed, and thanks to community support, all items were obtained. Segars said she and the players wish to express their gratitude for all who supported in the program in that way.

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While at Luke, McRae rebuilt the facility, removing more than 100 World War II trailers and building permanent structures for the workers on the flight line. Luke went from having 58 percent of its planes in commission to 95 percent and became the number-one military

base in the country.

When asked about the sacrifices his military service required of him, McRae said he put his personal life on hold for the military, deferring marriage and a family until he was in his mid-40s.

McRae retired from the Air Force as a full colonel and eventually moved back to Bradford County. He considered pursuing an advanced degree at UF, but ultimately decided to devote his time to the community service activities for which he is well-known around Starke.

Reflecting on how Americans should honor military veterans, McRae said they should give them respect.

“There is a tendency to ignore them unless you have been part of what they have done,” McRae said. “They are willing to serve in a capacity of unselfish giving. In order to serve, you can’t worry

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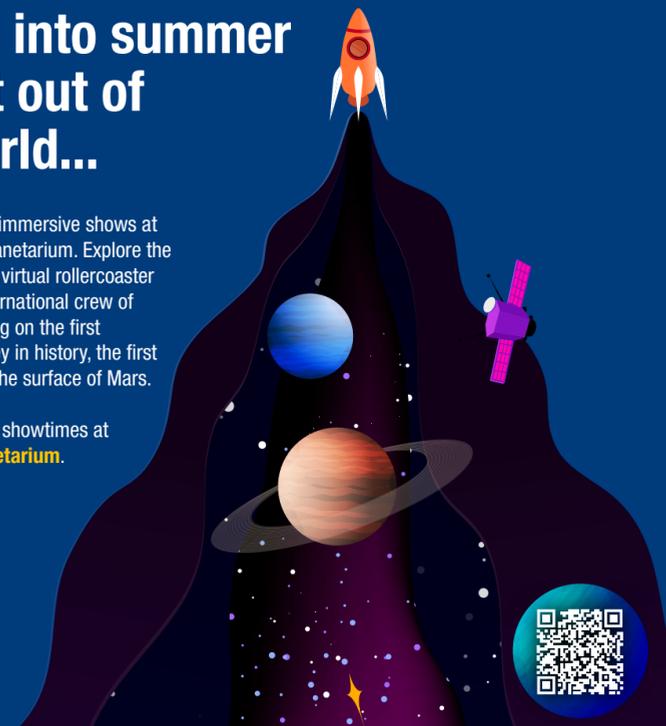
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When asked about the current state of the military, McRae said, “Our military is fine, but I am concerned that America is evolving more into a nation of takers. We need to become givers instead of takers. Like John F. Kennedy said, ‘Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.’”

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HEALTHY START



HEALTHY START is a **FREE program** to help you & your family throughout your pregnancy and with your new baby.

Our Home Visitors provide one-on-one support by phone, at-home visits or another convenient location.

The Healthy Start program is designed to meet YOUR needs. Learn about our free services and how you can enroll in **Healthy Start**.

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES YOU CAN RECEIVE

- Home Visiting
- Prenatal Education & Support
- Childbirth Education
- Breastfeeding Education & Support
- Newborn Care
- Parenting Education & Support
- Access To Mental Health Services
- Health & Well-Being

Connect with us

800-678-9355

How to Enroll in Healthy Start

Healthcare providers are required to offer the Healthy Start screen to ALL pregnant women on their first prenatal visit and to newborns at the hospital or birth center.

If you are not offered the Healthy Start screen — ask for it! Pregnant women and parents/caregivers of an infant under age 3 can also call Connect toll-free to enroll by phone in the Healthy Start program.

www.HealthyStartNCF.com includes Union and Bradford counties.

Meet Your Local Healthy Start Program Staff:

Union County Health Department

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Bradford County Health Department

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Call Connect to Enroll & Get Started! 800-678-9355